It was agreed to constitute an internal ED Committee and the same was constituted.

4. NON-EMPLOYMENT OR EMPLOYMENT IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES ONLY OF EDAS IN RMS:

A provision has been made for absorption of ED Agents in Group 'D' posts irrespective of the fact whether they are employed in Postal Wing or RMS.

Providing of telex services in Andhra Pradesh

2836. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to provide telex services in the major towns of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the names of the towns where such facilities are proposed to be provided in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A number of big towns including district headquarters and other important towns have already got telex services. It is proposed to extend the telex facilities to the following 4 district headquarters in the near future:

1. Khammam.
2. Machilipatnam.
3. Nalgonda and
4. Chittore.

Regularisation of the Services at ED Mailmen in Delhi Circle

2837. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ED mailmen working in Delhi Circle are detained beyond 5 hours and are paid pro rata wages for the additional work; and

(b) whether Government propose to regularise the services of ED mailmen in Delhi Circle as per rules; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Extra Departmental employees are part-time employees and are generally engaged for a period ranging from 2 to 5 hours a day. In Delhi Circle when exigencies of service require, Extra Departmental employees outside their working hours are engaged as casual labourers. They are paid for additional work applicable to Casual labourers on hourly rate basis.

(b) Extra Departmental employees are not regularised as a matter of course. However, they are eligible for absorption in departmental posts of Group—'D' and Mail Guards by way of examination to the extent of available vacancies as per recruitment rules. There is no other way of regularisation of Extra Departmental employees.

Emoluments of ED Employees

2838. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ED Post Offices opened during each of the last three years and so far in the current year;

(b) what is the category-wise number of ED employees recruited during the same period;

(c) whether pensioners/school teachers are still being appointed as ED employees; if so, what is the number of such employees as on 31st December, 1988;

(d) whether the emoluments of existing ED employees will be changed by the introduction of Panchayat Dak Sewak Scheme; if so, by how much; and